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February 14, 2011

### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Synergy Business Park  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-130, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-130.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels below the \$4.55 commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of overcollecting its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not decreased to \$4.25 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such overcollection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are a decrease of \$0.03053/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and a decrease of \$0.00053/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in March, 2011.

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Charleston, SC

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler  
Scott M. Tyler

Enclosures

c: Mr. David Carpenter  
Ms. Pia Powers  
Mr. Jim Jeffries  
Office of Regulatory Staff (via email and 5 copies via overnight delivery)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**VERIFICATION**

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

Pia Powers, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Manager – Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing Petition and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

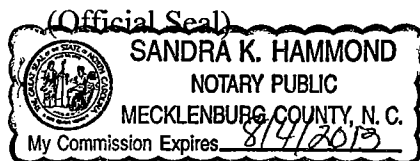
Pia Powers  
Pia Powers

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Signed and sworn to before me this day by Pia Powers.

Date: February 14, 2011

Sandra K. Hammond  
Sandra K. Hammond, Notary Public



My commission expires: August 4, 2013

# **RATES AND CHARGES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES**

**Residential**

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**Residential Service - Value Rate 201**

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 0.87410
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 0.82536

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**Residential Service - Standard Rate 221**

Monthly Charge		Rate Per Therm	
November - March	\$ 10.00	November - March	\$ 1.08094
April - October	\$ 8.00	April - October	\$ 1.08376

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**Outdoor Gaslight Service - Rate 205**

Monthly Charge	\$ 15.00
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## SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES

## Commercial

**Small General Service - Standard Rate 202**

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.98054
		April - October	\$ 0.94375

**Small General Service - Value Rate 232**

Monthly Charge	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 2,000	\$ 0.91787
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.88673
		April - October	First 2,000	\$ 0.81792
			Over 2,000	\$ 0.78950

**Medium General Service - Standard Rate 252**

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm	
		November - March	\$ 0.95512
		April - October	\$ 0.91077

**Medium General Service - Value Rate 262**

Monthly Charge	\$ 75.00	Rate Per Therm		
		November - March	First 5,000	\$ 0.88343
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.84776
		April - October	First 5,000	\$ 0.78673
			Over 5,000	\$ 0.76089

**Small General Service - Motor Fuel Rate 242**

Monthly Charge *	\$ 22.00	Rate Per Therm		Rate Per GGE **
		November - March	\$ 0.69074	0.87033 **
		April - October	\$ 0.65626	0.82689 **

\* The Monthly Charge for Rate 242 is not applicable to gas service provided at the Company's Premises.

\*\* The Company may bill in units of Gasoline Gallon Equivalent ("GGE") for gas service provided at the Company's Premises under Rate 242. The rates above convert 1.26 Therms to 1 GGE.

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## Industrial

Large General Sales Service - Rate 203

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00		
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	1.79812		
Rate Per Therm							
	<u>November - March</u>				<u>April - October</u>		
	First 15,000	\$	0.69886		First 15,000	\$	0.60786
	Next 15,000	\$	0.62818		Next 15,000	\$	0.55896
	Next 75,000	\$	0.58841		Next 75,000	\$	0.56239
	Next 165,000	\$	0.51641		Next 165,000	\$	0.49784
	Next 330,000	\$	0.46109		Next 330,000	\$	0.45609
	Over 600,000	\$	0.43252		Over 600,000	\$	0.43252

Interruptible Sales Service - Rate 204

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000	\$	0.77526	First 15,000	\$ 0.62238
	Next 15,000	\$	0.69834	Next 15,000	\$ 0.57289
	Next 75,000	\$	0.64091	Next 75,000	\$ 0.54451
	Next 165,000	\$	0.66090	Next 165,000	\$ 0.52472
	Next 330,000	\$	0.55953	Next 330,000	\$ 0.47109
	Over 600,000	\$	0.47252	Over 600,000	\$ 0.44252

Large General Transportation Service - Rate 213

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00
Demand Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	0.59651
Standby Sales Service Charge (monthly per peak day therm usage)				\$	1.20161
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
	First 15,000	\$	0.24737	First 15,000	\$ 0.17585
	Next 15,000	\$	0.18066	Next 15,000	\$ 0.12754
	Next 75,000	\$	0.13419	Next 75,000	\$ 0.10166
	Next 165,000	\$	0.09100	Next 165,000	\$ 0.06912
	Next 330,000	\$	0.03609	Next 330,000	\$ 0.03109
	Over 600,000	\$	0.00752	Over 600,000	\$ 0.00752

Interruptible Transportation Service - Rate 214

Monthly Charge				\$	250.00
Rate Per Therm					
	<u>November - March</u>			<u>April - October</u>	
First 15,000	\$	0.24711		First 15,000	\$ 0.17567
Next 75,000	\$	0.13197		Next 75,000	\$ 0.09654
Next 165,000	\$	0.08390		Next 165,000	\$ 0.06622
Next 330,000	\$	0.03698		Next 330,000	\$ 0.05137
Over 600,000	\$	0.00752		Over 600,000	\$ 0.00752

**SOUTH CAROLINA RATES AND CHARGES**

**Miscellaneous Fees And Charges**

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**Schedule For Limiting And Curtailing Service - Rate 206**

Emergency Service Rate Per Therm	\$ 1.00	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.
Unauthorized Over Run Penalty Per Therm	\$ 2.50	In addition to commodity prices as defined in Rate Schedule 206, Rate For Emergency Service.

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**Reconnect Fees**

February Through August	\$ 40.00
September Through January	\$ 60.00

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**Returned Check Charge**

Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
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# **SCHEDULE A**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Purchased Gas Adjustment effective March 2011  
GCRM - 130

South Carolina Rate Schedules:		Current November 2010 <u>Billing Rates</u>	GCRM <u>Change</u>	Proposed March 2011 <u>Billing Rates</u>
<b>201</b>	<b>Residential Service - Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00	-	10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00	-	8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.90463	(0.03053)	0.87410
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.85589	(0.03053)	0.82536
<b>221</b>	<b>Residential Service - Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge-winter	10.00	-	10.00
	Monthly Charge-summer	8.00	-	8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.11147	(0.03053)	1.08094
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	1.11429	(0.03053)	1.08376
<b>205</b>	<b>Outdoor Gas Light Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	15.00	-	15.00
<b>202</b>	<b>Small General Service-Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	1.01107	(0.03053)	0.98054
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.97428	(0.03053)	0.94375
<b>232</b>	<b>Small General Service-Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 2,000	0.94840	(0.03053)	0.91787
	Over 2,000	0.91726	(0.03053)	0.88673
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 2,000	0.84845	(0.03053)	0.81792
	Over 2,000	0.82003	(0.03053)	0.78950
<b>252</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Standard</b>			
	Monthly Charge	75.00	-	75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.98565	(0.03053)	0.95512
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.94130	(0.03053)	0.91077
<b>262</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Value</b>			
	Monthly Charge	75.00	-	75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 5,000	0.91396	(0.03053)	0.88343
	Over 5,000	0.87829	(0.03053)	0.84776
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 5,000	0.81726	(0.03053)	0.78673
	Over 5,000	0.79142	(0.03053)	0.76089
<b>242</b>	<b>Small General Service-Motor Fuel</b>			
	Monthly Charge	22.00	-	22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.72127	(0.03053)	0.69074
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.68679	(0.03053)	0.65626
<b>203</b>	<b>Large General Sales Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Billing Demand (therms)	1.79812	-	1.79812
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.72939	(0.03053)	0.69886
	Next 15,000	0.65871	(0.03053)	0.62818
	Next 75,000	0.61894	(0.03053)	0.58841
	Next 165,000	0.54694	(0.03053)	0.51641
	Next 330,000	0.49162	(0.03053)	0.46109
	Over 600,000	0.46305	(0.03053)	0.43252
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.63839	(0.03053)	0.60786
	Next 15,000	0.58949	(0.03053)	0.55896
	Next 75,000	0.59292	(0.03053)	0.56239
	Next 165,000	0.52837	(0.03053)	0.49784
	Next 330,000	0.48662	(0.03053)	0.45609
	Over 600,000	0.46305	(0.03053)	0.43252

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Purchased Gas Adjustment effective March 2011  
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South Carolina Rate Schedules:		Current November 2010 <u>Billing Rates</u>	GCRM <u>Change</u>	Proposed March 2011 <u>Billing Rates</u>
<b>204</b>	<b>Interruptible Sales Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.80579	(0.03053)	0.77526
	Next 15,000	0.72887	(0.03053)	0.69834
	Next 75,000	0.67144	(0.03053)	0.64091
	Next 165,000	0.69143	(0.03053)	0.66090
	Next 330,000	0.59006	(0.03053)	0.55953
	Over 600,000	0.50305	(0.03053)	0.47252
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.65291	(0.03053)	0.62238
	Next 15,000	0.60342	(0.03053)	0.57289
	Next 75,000	0.57504	(0.03053)	0.54451
	Next 165,000	0.55525	(0.03053)	0.52472
	Next 330,000	0.50162	(0.03053)	0.47109
	Over 600,000	0.47305	(0.03053)	0.44252
<b>213</b>	<b>Large General Transportation Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Standby Demand	1.20161	-	1.20161
	Billing Demand (therms)	0.59651	-	0.59651
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.24790	(0.00053)	0.24737
	Next 15,000	0.18119	(0.00053)	0.18066
	Next 75,000	0.13472	(0.00053)	0.13419
	Next 165,000	0.09153	(0.00053)	0.09100
	Next 330,000	0.03662	(0.00053)	0.03609
	Over 600,000	0.00805	(0.00053)	0.00752
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.17638	(0.00053)	0.17585
	Next 15,000	0.12807	(0.00053)	0.12754
	Next 75,000	0.10219	(0.00053)	0.10166
	Next 165,000	0.06965	(0.00053)	0.06912
	Next 330,000	0.03162	(0.00053)	0.03109
	Over 600,000	0.00805	(0.00053)	0.00752
<b>214</b>	<b>Interruptible Transportation Service</b>			
	Monthly Charge	250.00	-	250.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.24764	(0.00053)	0.24711
	Next 15,000	0.18083	(0.00053)	0.18030
	Next 75,000	0.13250	(0.00053)	0.13197
	Next 165,000	0.08443	(0.00053)	0.08390
	Next 330,000	0.03751	(0.00053)	0.03698
	Over 600,000	0.00805	(0.00053)	0.00752
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.17620	(0.00053)	0.17567
	Next 15,000	0.12726	(0.00053)	0.12673
	Next 75,000	0.09707	(0.00053)	0.09654
	Next 165,000	0.06675	(0.00053)	0.06622
	Next 330,000	0.05190	(0.00053)	0.05137
	Over 600,000	0.00805	(0.00053)	0.00752

# **SCHEDULE B**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
South Carolina  
Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation  
GCRM - 130

	<u>Annualized Throughput (DT) per Docket 2010-7-G Settlement Approved on 10/13/2010</u>	<u>Proposed Increase (Decrease) in Rate per DT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales	13,395,638	\$ (0.30)	\$ (4,018,691)
Transportation	5,148,691		
Total Throughput	18,544,329		
LAUF %	1.77%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	328,235	\$ (0.30)	\$ (98,471)
Total Throughput			18,544,329
LAUF Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.0053)
Sales Commodity Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.3053)
Sales Commodity Rate Adjustment per Therm			(0.03053)
Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment per DT			(0.0053)
Transportation Commodity Rate Adjustment per Therm			(0.00053)
Current Effective Benchmark per DT		\$	4.55
Proposed Effective Benchmark per DT		\$	4.25

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached documents are being served this date via email and UPS Overnight (5 copies) upon:

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This the 14th day of February, 2011.

s/ Scott M. Tyler  
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